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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, LE, IS
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON - WALDHEIM APPEAL FOR US
ASSISTANCE

REF: JONES/LEVITSKY TELECON, JULY 31

1. AT 1815 JULY 31, IN FOLLOW-UP TO URQUHART CALL TO MISOFF (SEPTTEL), SYG WALDHEIM TELEPHONED AMB MCHENRY TO APPEAL FOR US TO USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH ISRAELIS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH CHRISTIANS TO PERMIT LAF UNIT TO TAKE UP POSITIONS AS PLANNED IN TIBNIN AREA. HE EMPHASIZED IT WOULD BE "DISASTER" FOR ALL - LEBANON, ISRAEL AND UN - IF IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THIS OPERATION. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS TO REACH ISRAELI CHARGE.

2. WALDHEIM ALSO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER AT 5:00 P.M. FROM LEBANESE CHARGE CONTAINING REQUEST OF GOL, MADE EARLIER IN DAY BY PHONE, THAT UN
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INTERVENE WITH ISRAELIS. (SEPTTEL REPORTS LEBANESE CALLS TO BOTH UN AND USUN.) LETTER CLAIMS ISRAELI FORCES FIRED ON LAF AND THAT IDF LIAISON OFFICER BEN-GAL HAD ASKED UNIFIL TO PREVENT LEBANESE ARMY FROM MOVING SOUTH AND URGED UNIFIL NOT TO COOPERATE WITH LEBANESE IN SUCH MOVE. (APPEARS TO REFLECT SAME INFO AS PARA 2 OF JERUSALEM 2073.) WALDHEIM

REPEATED WHAT URQUHART HAD TOLD US THAT ERSKINE
REPORTED IT WAS CHRISTIANS WHO HAD FIRED ON LEBANESE
BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THEY WERE BEING ENCOURAGED
"ACTIVELY OR PASSIVELY" BY ISRAELIS.

3. MCHENRY ASSURED SYG THAT USG HAD BEEN IN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH ISRAELIS THROUGHOUT DAY AND SHARED
HIS DESIRE THAT SITUATION BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND
LAF UNIT BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO DESTINATION
WITHOUT FURTHER DIFFICULTY. HE SAID HE WOULD PASS
WALDHEIM'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

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